



Louisiana Department Health and Hospitals/  
Office of Aging and Adult Services

## Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver

### What is the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Program?

The Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver Program provides certain services in the home or community to elderly or disabled adults who qualify.

### **If I qualify, what services may I receive from this program?**

- Support Coordination (formerly known as case management)
- Transition Intensive Support Coordination (for people going from nursing facilities to the community)
- Transition Services (for people going from nursing facilities to the community)
- Companion Service (supervision or assistance with in-home and/or community activities/tasks that allow an individual to reside in his/her home; may be provided by one worker for up to 3 waiver participants who live together and who have a common direct service provider)
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (home modifications)
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Adult Day Health Care Service (Health/Medical and Social Services provided for 5 or more hours on a regularly scheduled basis for one or more days per week in a community-based center)

### **Who can qualify for services?**

People who:

- Meet Medicaid financial eligibility **AND**
- Are 65 years old or older **OR**
- Are 21 years old or older with a disability that meets the Social Security Administration definition of disability
- Meet Nursing Facility Level of Care **AND**

- Meet **ONE** of the following:
- Be in a nursing facility and be able to be discharged if community-based services were available; **OR**
- Be likely to require nursing facility admission within the next 120 days; **OR**
- Have a primary care-giver who has a disability or who is at least 70 years old.

### **What are the 2010 income limits?**

The income limits are \$2, 022 for an individual and \$4,044 for a couple (when both spouses need long-term care.)

### **What are the 2010 resource limits?**

Resources are the things people own. When we count resources for this program, we do not count the person's home, the car they drive to medical appointments, or other basic resources.

- Single people can have no more than \$2,000 in resources. Couples can have no more than \$3,000 in resources when both spouses need long-term care.
- Married couples can have up to \$109,560 in resources, as long as one spouse at home **does not get** long-term care services.

### **How can people request Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Services?**

The Department keeps an Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver Request for Services Registry (RFSR) (formerly known as the "waiting list") of people who have asked for these services, along with the date of the request. Individuals are offered the EDA Waiver according to the needs-based priority groups. The following groups shall have priority for EDA Waiver opportunities, in the order listed: (1) individuals with substantiated cases of abuse or neglect with Adult Protective Services (APS) or Elderly Protective Services (EPS) who, absent EDA Waiver services, would require institutional placement to prevent further abuse and neglect; (2) individuals presently residing in nursing facilities; and (3) individuals who are not presently receiving home-and-community based services (HCBS) under another approved state program, including, but not limited to, the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver, New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), Community Supports Waiver, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and Long Term-Personal Care Services (LT-PCS); and (4) all other eligible individuals on the RFSR, by date of first request for services. Solely for purposes of priority category (3) above, state-funded OCDD services shall not be considered another HCBS program.

For the 150 EDA slots reserved for persons diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), qualifying individuals are offered by date of first request of services.

**To add your name to the EDA Request for Services Registry or if you have questions, call the Louisiana Options in Long Term Care Help Line at 1-877-456-1146 (TDD: 1-877-544-9544), Monday-Friday 8 a.m.—5 p.m. The call is free!**